

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 2897 - SB 2910**

March 3, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires additional notices to be published by the county election commission for special primary elections, including notifying affected voters personally by mail 20 days prior to such election being called. Failure of notification constitutes a lack of notice and renders the election void. In metropolitan areas having more than 100,000 registered voters, the county election commission is required to hold in escrow a sum sufficient to cover minimum media electronic advertising for 10 days prior to such election.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$55,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$80,000\***

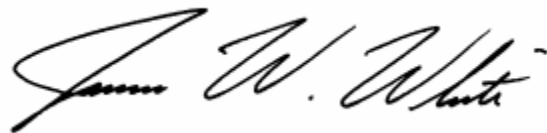
Assumptions:

- An estimated one special election per year in State Senate districts with each having more than 100,000 registered voters. (In 2005, four special elections were held.)
- Publication in one ethnic and alternative newspaper per district at a state cost of \$10,000.
- The cost of mailing notice is estimated to be \$.45 per voter. Therefore, the state cost of mailing notices to 100,000 voters per Senate district would be \$45,000.
- An estimated \$20,000 would be a sufficient sum to hold in escrow to cover minimum media electronic advertising. Since there are four metropolitan areas with more than 100,000 voters, the total local cost is estimated to be \$80,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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